CO2 to Go Underground – KUER Radio Interview

Brian McPherson, Associate Professor of Civil and Environmental Engineering and a USTAR researcher at the University of Utah, is working on a way to inject carbon dioxide deep into the earth.

About 66 percent of Utah's total carbon dioxide emissions are coming from coal-fired power plants. Geophysicists, engineers and geologists are hard at work, trying to figure out how they can safely capture the CO2 after the coal is burned and store it underground. Yet, as KUER's Ross Chambless reports, who exactly will take responsibility for the CO2 after it's pumped underground is still unclear.

State Energy Advisor Dianne Nielson is also interviewed in this overview of the science and regulatory framework of carbon management. Listen to the piece at:

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